

Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, and James F. Mack, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### CAMPAIGN FINANCING INVESTIGATION

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee continued hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, receiving testimony from Donald K. Stern, United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, Boston; and Richard Richards, Young Brothers Development (USA), Inc., Miami, Florida, former Chairman, Republican National Committee.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, July 29.

### VETERANS AFFAIRS

*Committee on Veterans Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation to codify and clarify VA resource allocation standards, S. 801, to provide for improved and expedited procedures for resolving complaints of unlawful employment discrimination and sexual harassment within VA, S. 999, to require VA to adopt standards for the provision of mammography services, proposed legislation to reform VA eligibility requirements, proposed legislation to authorize certain legal authorities related to the provision of VA health care services, S. 309, to prohibit parking fees at VA medical centers operated under a sharing agreement with the Department of Defense, proposed legislation to authorize major medical facility projects and leases, S. 987, to provide a cost-of-living-adjustment in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service connected disabilities and other benefits, S. 464, to allow revi-

sion of veterans benefits decisions based on clear and unmistakable error, S. 623, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts as active service for purposes of eligibility for veterans benefits, S. 714, to permanently authorize the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Pilot Program, S. 730, to make retroactive the entitlement of certain Medal of Honor recipients to the special pension provided for persons entered and recorded on the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard Medal of Honor Roll, proposed legislation to provide for an increase in the Medal of Honor pension, S. 813, to provide criminal penalties for theft and willful vandalism at national cemeteries, S. 986, to make certain improvements in the housing loan programs for veterans and eligible persons, and proposed legislation to codify the 1997 cost-of-living-adjustment legislation, after receiving testimony from Senator Inouye; Representatives Filner and Gilman; Stephen L. Lemons, Acting Under Secretary for Benefits, and Thomas L. Garthwaite, Deputy Under Secretary for Health, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and Jacqueline Garrick, American Legion, Dennis M. Cullinan, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Joseph A. Violante, Disabled American Veterans, and Kelli R. Willard West, Vietnam Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.

### NATIONAL SAFE KIDS CAMPAIGN

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee approved for reporting S. Con. Res. 33, authorizing the use of the Capital Grounds for the National SAFE KIDS Campaign SAFE KIDS Buckle Up Car Seat Check Up.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Bills Introduced:** 13 public bills, H.R. 2261–2263, 2265, 2268–2276; 1 private bill, H.R. 2277; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 123–126, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1953, to clarify State authority to tax compensation paid to certain employees (H. Rept. 105–203);

H.R. 1348, to amend title 18, United States Code, relating to war crimes, amended (H. Rept. 105–204);

H.R. 2264, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–205);

H.R. 2266, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–206);

H.R. 2267, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 (H. Rept. 105–207); and

H.R. 695, to amend title 18, United States Code, to affirm the rights of United States persons to use

and sell encryption and to relax export controls on encryption (H. Rept. 105-108 Part II). **Page H5825**

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Reverend Bruce Mackenzie of Boulder, Colorado. **Page H5781**

**Legislative Branch Appropriations:** The House agreed to H. Res. 197, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 203 noes, Roll No. 325. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a ye and nay vote of 222 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 324. **Pages H5783-93**

**Energy and Water Appropriations:** By a ye and nay vote of 418 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 329, the House passed H.R. 2203, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. The House completed debate and considered amendments to the bill on July 24. **Pages H5793-98**

Agreed To:

The Fazio substitute amendment to the Petri amendment that prohibits any funding for the salaries of Department of the Interior employees for the Animas-LaPlata Project in Colorado and New Mexico except for activities required to comply with the applicable provisions of current law; and continuation of activities pursuant to the Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement Act of 1988 (agreed to by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 201 noes, Roll No. 328); and **Page H5796**

The Petri amendment, as amended, that prohibits any funding for the salaries of Department of the Interior employees for the Animas-LaPlata Project in Colorado and New Mexico except for activities required to comply with the applicable provisions of current law; and continuation of activities pursuant to the Colorado Ute Indian Water Rights Settlement Act of 1988. **Pages H5796**

Rejected:

The Klug amendment that sought to reduce funding for the Appalachian Regional Commission by \$90 million (rejected by a recorded vote of 97 ayes to 328 noes, Roll No. 326); and **Pages H5794-95**

The Markey amendment that sought to prohibit funding for nuclear technology research and development programs to continue the study of treating spent nuclear fuel using electrometallurgical technology or demonstration of this technology at the Fuel Conditioning Facility; and reduces by \$45 million the funding for this program (rejected by a recorded vote of 134 ayes to 290 noes, Roll No. 327). **Pages H5795-96**

Agreed to H. Res. 194, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill on July 24. **Pages H5732-44**

**Late Reports—Appropriations Committee:** The Committee on Appropriations received permission to have until midnight tonight, July 25, to file three reports on bills making fiscal year 1998 appropriations for the Department of Defense; the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies; and the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies. **Page H5798**

**DOD Authorization Act Conference:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendments to H.R. 1119, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and agreed to a conference. **Pages H5798-H5805**

Appointed as conferees: From the Committee on National Security, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Spence and Representatives Stump, Hunter, Kasich, Bateman, Hansen, Weldon of Pennsylvania, Hefley, Saxton, Buyer, Fowler, McHugh, Talent, Everett, Bartlett, Lewis of Kentucky, Watts of Oklahoma, Chambliss, Riley, Dellums, Skelton, Sisisky, Spratt, Ortiz, Pickett, Evans, Taylor of Mississippi, Abercrombie, Meehan, Harman, McHale, Kennedy of Rhode Island, Blagojevich, Snyder, and Rodriguez. As additional conferees from the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 2 of rule XLVIII: Representatives Goss, Lewis of California, and Dicks. As additional conferees from the Committee on Commerce for consideration of sections 344, 601, 654, 735, 1021, 3143, 3144, 3201, 3202, 3402, and 3404 of the House bill, and sections 338, 601, 663, 706, 1064, 2823, 3136, 3140, 3151, 3160, 3201, and 3402 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Bliley, Dan Schaefer of Colorado, and Dingell. Provided that Representative Oxley is appointed in lieu of Representative Dan Schaefer of Colorado for consideration of sections 344 and 1021 of the House bill and section 2823 of the Senate amendment. Provided that Representative Bilirakis is appointed in lieu of Representative Dan Schaefer of Colorado for consideration of sections 601, 654, and 735 of the House bill, and sections 338, 601, 663, and 706 of the Senate amendment. Provided that Representative Tauzin is appointed in lieu of Representative Dan Schaefer of Colorado for consideration of section 1064 of the Senate amendment. As

additional conferees from the Committee on Education and the Workforce for consideration of sections 374, 658, and 3143 of the House bill, and sections 664 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Goodling, Fawell, and Sanchez. Provided that Representative Riggs is appointed in lieu of Representative Fawell for consideration of section 658 of the House bill and section 664 of the Senate amendment. As additional conferees from the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight for consideration of sections 322 and 3527 of the House bill, and sections 1068, 1107, 2811, and 3527 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Burton, Horn, and Waxman. As additional conferees from the Committee on House Oversight for consideration of section 543 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Thomas, Ney, and Gejdenson. As additional conferees from the Committee on International Relations for consideration of sections 1101–1111, 1202, 1204, 1205, 1207, 1210, and 1231–1234 of the House bill, and sections 1009, 1013, 1021, 1022, 1056, 1057, 1082, and 1085 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Gilman, Bereuter, and Hamilton. As additional conferees from the Committee on the Judiciary for consideration of sections 374, 1057, 3521, 3522, and 3541 of the House bill, and sections 831, 1073, 1075, 1106, and 1201–1216 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Hyde, Smith of Texas, and Conyers. As additional conferees from the Committee on Resources for consideration of sections 214, 601, 653, 1021, 2835, 2901–2914 and 3404 of the House bill, and sections 234, 381–392, 601, 706, 2819, and 3158 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Young of Alaska, Tauzin, and Miller of California. Provided that Representative Hefley is appointed in lieu of Representative Saxton for consideration of section 3404 of the House bill. Provided that Representative Delahunt is appointed in lieu of Representative Miller of California for consideration of sections 2901–2914 of the House bill, and sections 381–392 of the Senate amendment. As additional conferees from the Committee on Science for consideration of sections 214 and 3148 of the House bill, and sections 234 and 1064 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Sensenbrenner, Calvert, and Brown of California. Provided that Representative Rohrabacher is appointed in lieu of Representative Calvert for consideration of section 1064 of the Senate amendment. As additional conferees from the Committee on Trans-

portation and Infrastructure for consideration of sections 345, 563, 601, 1021, 2861, and 3606 of the House bill, and section 601 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Shuster, Gilchrest, and Borski. As additional conferees from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs for consideration of sections 751, 752, and 759 of the House bill, and sections 220, 542, 751, 752, 758, 1069, 1074, and 1076 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Smith of New Jersey, Bilirakis, and Kennedy of Massachusetts. **Pages H5803–04**

By a ye and nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 330, agreed to the Dellums motion to instruct managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendments to the bill H.R. 1119 be instructed to insist upon the provisions contained in section 1207 of the House bill (relating to limitation on payments for cost of NATO expansion). **Pages H5798–H5803**

By a ye and nay vote of 409 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 331, agreed to close conference committee meetings to the public at such times as classified national security information is under consideration, provided that any sitting member of Congress shall have the right to attend any closed or open meeting. **Pages H5804–05**

**Legislative Program:** The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of July 28. **Page H5805**

**Memorial Services for the Late Honorable William J. Brennan:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 123, providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the crypt beneath the rotunda of the Capitol in connection with memorial services to be conducted in the Supreme Court Building for the late honorable William J. Brennan, former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. **Pages H5805–06**

**Late Report—International Relations Committee:** The Committee on International Relations received permission to have until midnight tonight, July 25, to file a report on H.R. 695, to amend title 18, United States Code, to affirm the rights of United States persons to use and sell encryption and to relax export controls on encryption. **Page H5806**

**Meeting Hour—Monday, July 28:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 28 for morning hour debate. **Page H5806**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, July 30. **Page H5806**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H5781.

**Referrals:** S. Con. Res. 40, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the OAS-CIAV Mission in Nicaragua, was referred to the Committee on International Relations. Page H5824

**Amendments:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H5827.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5792, H5792-93, H5794-95, H5795-96, H5796, H5797-98, H5803, and H5804-05. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPETITIVENESS ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials continued hearings on H.R. 10, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### FEDERAL MEASURES OF RACE AND ETHNICITY AND IMPLICATIONS FOR THE 2000 CENSUS

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on Federal Measures of Race and Ethnicity and the Implications for the 2000 Census. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sawyer, Petri, Waters and Conyers; Sally Katzen, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB; Isabelle Katz Pinzler, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights, Department of Justice; Nancy Gordon, Associate Director, Demographic Programs, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of July 28 through August 2, 1997

### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will consider S. 1048, Transportation Appropriations, 1998, and may consider S. 830, Food and Drug Administration Modernization and Accountability Act.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 1022, Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations, with a vote on final passage to occur thereon.

Also during the week, Senate expects to consider S. 39, International Dolphin Conservation Program Act, Conference reports, when available, and any cleared legislative and executive business.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, July 29, 1997 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

### Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* July 29, to hold hearings to examine the effect of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act (P.L. 104-127) on price and income volatility, and the proper role of the Federal government to manage volatility and protect the integrity of agricultural markets, 9 a.m., SR-332.

July 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine how trade opportunities and international agricultural research can stimulate economic growth in Africa, thereby enhancing African food security and increasing U.S. exports, 9 a.m., SR-332.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* July 29, to hold hearings to examine automatic teller machine (ATM) surcharges and fees, 10 a.m., SD-538.

July 30, Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology, to hold hearings to examine how financial institutions' regulators are managing problems leading into the year 2000, 10 a.m., SD-538.

July 31, Full Committee, business meeting, to mark up S. 1026, authorizing funds for the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* July 29, to hold hearings on proposed legislation relating to the Global Tobacco settlement litigation, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

July 30, Subcommittee on Communications, to hold hearings on the regulation of international satellites, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

July 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 268, to regulate flights over national parks, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* July 29, to hold hearings on S. 967, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act to benefit Alaska natives and rural residents, and S. 1015, to provide for the exchange of lands within Admiralty Island National Monument, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

July 30, Full Committee, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

July 30, Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold hearings to review the management and operations of concession programs within the National Park System, 2 p.m., SD-366.

July 31, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine the organizational structure, staffing, and budget of the Forest Service for the Alaska region, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.